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Psalter Week III ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year A 18th June 2023

June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

THANK YOU EVERYONE

It was wonderful to be back to Church for Mass last weekend. My gratitude to all parishioners for your wonderful support during these most difficult times when the church was not in use. I am particularly grateful to all who came for the general clean up and preparation for the reopening of the Church. A big thank you to the headteacher, staff and pupils of St. Clare's primary school for accommodating us. The same goes to the school caretaker Sean for the generosity of his time for nearly eight months. I want to thank Richard Crawford for always responding to our pleas every time we called on him. Thank you so very much everyone, we made it together and our church is totally renewed.

MASSES & SERVICES

Sat 17th June - *The Immaculate Heart of Mary*

Rosary 5.40pm

Vigil Mass 6.00pm

Sun 18th June - **11th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Mass 9.30 am

SPECIAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR LIFE

Mon 19th June - Private Mass - *Ferial*

Tues 20th June - *Ferial*

Mass & St Anthony Devotions-7pm

Weds 21st June - *St Aloysius Gonzaga*

Exposition 8.45am

Mass 9.30am

Cecilia Davies B'day Thanksgiving (KC)

Thurs 22nd June - **Ss JOHN FISHER & ST THOMAS MORE**

Rosary 9.10am

Mass 9.30am

Leach Family Intentions

Fri 23rd June - *Ferial*

Rosary 9.10am

Mass 9.30am

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FRIDAY ABSTINENCE

Sat 24th June - **THE NATIVITY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST**

Exposition 10.30-11.30am - Holy Hour for peace

Rosary 5.40 pm

Vigil Mass 6.00 pm

John McCann

Sun 25th June - **TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Mass 9.30am

Margaret Ward RIP

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Saturday 10.30-11.30 am and on request

WEEKDAY MASSES

Our weekday Masses will continue in the parish room in the coming weeks pending when the sound system is fixed. Meanwhile the weekend Masses will continue in church while the remaining things are fixed up.

PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

O Prince of peace, once more we hear the guns of war. Once more we see the faces of frightened children. We pray for the people of Ukraine, that they may be granted peace. We pray for the people of Russia, that they may demand peace. We pray for our country, that we may be a positive part of peace-making in the world. O Prince of Peace, lead us from this dark time to a deeper understanding of the global human family, so that all may break bread together in the secure embrace of peace. Amen.

ANNIVERSARIES OCCURRING ABOUT THIS TIME

Margaret Hutfield, Ron Davidson, John Wrigley, Kay Gent, William Kavanagh, Pamela Callaghan, Mary Cavanagh, Charles Morris, Fr. Michael McIntyre and John Edmund Davies. **May they rest in peace**

OUR SICK ELDERLY AND HOUSE BOUND

Our sick, elderly, housebound and those in care homes are important members of our parish community. New names in Bold Type.

Trisha Cannon, Nigel Clayton, Veronica Creaney, Mike Darby, W. Downes, Sheila Farrelly, Michelle Gentile, Jenny Guest, Lorna Jarvis, Mary, Judy Kearney, Peter Lloyd, Rosemary McCabe, Rosemary Roberts, Gwen Spurr, Krysia Wesalak, Eileen Wyatt.

MARY AXON WRITES

Could we appeal again for more people to join the cleaning rota. Now we have a newly painted church. please help us to look after it. Mary's phone number is 682646

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

If you like gardening and may wish to give some of your time to this cause in and around the church, please let Fr. Emeka know or contact the parish office.

TEA AND COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY MASS

This week its Catherine & Elaine for St Clare's SVP Conference and next week Mike and Veronica for the Holiday Home. **Please join us especially if you are new to the parish or just visiting.**

A DAY ON DISCERNMENT OF GIFTS AND SERVICE FOR LAY PEOPLE

A day of prayer, fellowship, teaching and workshops to help discover how you can best use your gifts at the service of God and neighbour. At St Columba's Church Hall, Chester CH2 1SA on Saturday 24th June 2023, 10am – 4.15pm. Bring a packed lunch. All are welcome!

PARISH EMAIL DATABASE

Since 2020 St Clare's has had an email database, just names and email addresses. For 3 years twice weekly emails have been sent out, our Newsletter and Bidding prayers at the weekend and our Wednesday Prayer reflection midweek. If you wish to be included and would like to receive these documents, please email Pat Riddell patriddell31@aol.com


WELFARE NURSE

Due to the upcoming retirement of our current RGN/Welfare Officer, the Dioceses is looking to appoint a replacement. The role is for 3 days per week. Salary: £38 - £42K FTE pro rata depending on experience. For further details of the role please see the Diocesan website <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies/> Completed application should be sent to Pauline McCulloch recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org Closing date 30 June 2023.

SUNDAY LUNCH GATHERING

The next Sunday Lunch Gathering is to be held on Sunday, 2nd July 2023 at The Oak Tree, Liverpool Road, CH2 1BL at 12.30 pm. Contact Catherine for any further details on 01244or catherine117hg@hotmail.co.uk

SVP CONFERENCE

 The next Holiday Home fundraising event will be a music night on Friday 14th July at 7.30pm at the Chester Catholic High School. We will be entertained by the school's City Jazz band and their singers some of whom you may have heard if you went to the CHS 50th Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral on Friday 9th June. Please try and support us if you can. Through these paragraphs you learn of the many people we support with holidays they wouldn't otherwise get and our trickle fundraising helped us secure the grant needed earlier this year to replace the aging caravan. Keep safe and as well as possible this week. God bless. Steve



St Clare's Catholic Primary School

This week has been all about celebrating the children who took their First Holy Communion last Sunday; it was such a joy to be back in church. We held a party back in school and celebrated the children in front of their friends.

Equally we've spent the week trying to keep cool and looking for ways to learn outside in the shade, as school has been very hot.

